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US: World powers refuse to budge on Iran sanctions

MOSCOW (AFP) - World powers stuck firmly to their demands on Iran during two tough days of talks in Moscow, refusing to budge on Tehran's attempt to have various sanctions lifted, a senior US official said yesterday.

"There is no softening of our position, no softening of sanctions," the senior US administration official said after the second and last day of talks between six world powers and Iran concluded without a breakthrough.

The official described talks in which the West held firmly to its demands while discussing "confidence-building measures that would move the clock to the right to create time" for a broader deal at a later date.

"We kept faith entirely with the proposals we had put on the table," said the official in reference to an offer laid out in Baghdad last month.

That deal would require Iran to halt 20-percent enrichment, ship out its stock of such material and shut down its fortified bunker facility at Fordo in exchange for some forms of economic assistance and spare

airplane parts.

Iran has rejected the offer as far too insufficient, and the two sides only agreed in Moscow to hold an expert-level meeting in Istanbul on July 3, to be followed by more senior contacts at later unspecified dates.

The US official said that in this third round of negotiations, "Iran probably for the first time in many years responded quite directly to every element of the proposal we put down in Baghdad," the US official said.

But response did not necessarily mean agreement, the US official cautioned.

Iran in particular defended its right to enrich at Fordo, calling the demand to shut down the mountainside facility near the holy city of Qom unreasonable, the senior official said.

"I don't think the differences have narrowed," said the official.

"I think what is correct to interpret is that Iran has a choice to make. They have provided a lot of information - as have we -- and they need to reflect on the choice they make."

Paseo Herencia gearing up for a week of glamorous red carpet premieres

The official schedule of movies for the 3rd edition of the Aruba International Film Festival has just been published, and Paseo Herencia shopping mall is again the hub for a diversity of activities aside from the screening of dozens of provocative films beginning this Friday evening, June 22, with "The Magic of Belle Isle," co-starring Morgan Freeman, and Virginia Madsen, who will walk the red carpet to The Cinemas in Palm Beach.

Ms. Madsen joins past celebrities Richard Gere and Kim Cattral in gracing Paseo Herencia's halls as a star feature of the AIFF. Showtime for the premiere event will be 8:00 PM, but other films screening this Friday include "Bringing up Bobby," starring Mila Jovovich, at 5:30 PM and "The Hunter," starring William DeFoe and Sam Neill at 10:30 PM.

Paseo Herencia will be taken on a whole new glamour and glitter for the week, as other exciting events will punctuate the parade of great films, a number of them world and regional premieres. The Cinemas will also host the "In Conversation With" Dialogs with Virginia Madsen, Pietro Scalia, the Oscar-winning editor of two 2012 summer blockbusters, "Prometheus" and "Amazing Spiderman," as well as Ray Liotta, the famed lead of "Goodfellas," and one of the busiest actors in Hollywood. He will be walking the red carpet on Sunday evening, June 24, at 7:30 PM.

Other great world premieres include "Stolen" starring Nicolas Cage and Malin Ackerman, and the entire weekend film lovers can enjoy a fantastic collection of original Caribbean and local cinema during matinee performances of the Caribbean Spotlight Series and Aruba Flavor Competition. Screenings for the CSS and Aruba flavor will begin Saturday at noon with "Anna Speaks," by

Adam Steinfeld.

The local cinema screenings proved extremely popular last year, with a number of the films being sold out; so it is recommended, as for all films at the festival, to purchase tickets early at The Cinemas box office located under the escalator. Holders of passes for festival events and those with press passes must retrieve their ticket for any screening they wish to attend at the box office prior to the scheduled times; seats cannot be guaranteed if they simply walk in at show time.



Lights, camera action at Paseo Herencia

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With AIFF producers Jonathan and Giuseppe and CD Claudio Masenza



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Aruba's search continues for more foster parents!

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ORANJESTAD -- The Aruba Center for Foster Parents (Centro di Famia di Criansa Arubano), is continuing their campaign dubbed, "I Need You." The goal of this campaign is to try and reach more persons who could offer a child in a vulnerable situation the love and care he/she needs and deserves.

The Aruba Center for Foster Parents (CFCA) is an integral part of the Fundacion Guia Mi and works in cooperation with different organizations, such as Imelda Hof, Casa Cuna, Voogdijraad, Department of Social Affairs, Foundation for the Aruba

Handi- capped and the Orthopedagogical Center.

The CFCA coordinates the management of foster parents and guides the process for obtaining foster parents. What's more, they also monitor the quality of the care that children receive from foster parents. They recruit and prepare families and ensure that there is compatibility between the child and the foster parents.

As a result of the campaign they have received a number of persons or families who are interested in becoming foster parents, but they have not reached their

goal as yet. The campaign continues in earnest to encourage more persons, single or families to consider offering a child care, time, love and protection, that for one reason or the other cannot get this from their natural parents.

There are children of varying ages, from age 0 to 18 years who need a foster parent. There are small children and youth who lack attention, love and protection that can be had only from a family and not necessarily in an institution.

The responsibility of a foster parent can be temporary or in some cases the child may wish to remain with the foster parents indefinitely. Foster parents are helping a child today who will become a vital member of our community tomorrow.

Those interested in considering becoming foster parents, please call tel. 582-0088 or send an email to cfca@set-srnet.aw. You may also visit their website at www.famiacriansa.org.

The child you help today may be the solution to tomorrow's community dilemma!

Tony A.D. Green

Socially productive visits in the Barrios continue in earnest



ORANJESTAD -- The government is continuing their socially productive visits in the barrios, with the intention of helping to cleanup where necessary, removing debris and abandoned vehicles, and to address concerns of citizens in the barrios.

The Kadushi Largo Barrio was next in line to be visited this past Friday. The Prime Minister and the heads of different government departments, such as DOW, SERLIMAR, the Social section of the Barrio Police, were part of the visitation team. The presence of the different department heads ensured that whatever situation that was presented would have the immediate attention of those responsible to take immediate action.

According to the government, the goal of these visits is to improve the quality of life of the citizens in the barrios on the island. In order to improve the quality of life, they claim, it is essential that each barrio have the ingredients that would contribute to a better quality of life. This means, first of all, that the barrio must be a clean place,

attractive and where each citizen is well cared for.

In the cleanup process, Robert Klip, is assigned the job of coordinating the collection and disposal of old abandoned vehicles. They are currently working in the Noord area but are simultaneously surveying other barrios, such as Kadushi Largo.

Robert Klip informed that they have been working on this clean up project since back in 2011 and that they have already covered 11 barrios. They not only collect old cars and other debris, but they also assist residents with situations such as honey bees disturbances. They remove vehicles that are at least 10 years old or older. They work together with the police in the event of finding a vehicle without an owner to ascertain whether or not it is stolen.

If the barrio team has not reached your barrio as yet, you should feel free to call them at 584-3030 and provide them with the necessary information with respect to the need in your area. This type of action in the barrios will continue indefinitely according to the government.

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Parliament approves new Aruba Territorial Waters Law

Last week, the law which regulates the anchoring of tankers in our territorial waters was unanimously approved in Parliament. Back in 2010, during a public Parliamentary meeting, Parliamentarian Donny Rasmijn made the observation that it was not right to allow tankers to anchor in our territorial waters gratuito and without any regulation whatsoever. Said meeting took place during the period of that devastating oil spill off the Gulf of Mexico where more than 6 million barrels of crude spilled into the Gulf.

For decades tankers have been anchoring in our territorial waters for different reasons. Some were involved in maintenance, others for the purpose of selling petroleum products, and others for the purpose of waiting for orders from their owners to head off to collect petroleum at some port or the other.

They all anchor on the South side of Aruba where the tide is more favorable. That's where the water is not too deep and the current is mild ad they don't pay Aruba a penny. They don't have to throw their anchor out too

deep while the tanker remains quiet stable for their lightering or bunkering of products. The anchors however cause a lot of damage to the fauna of our ocean.

Their anchors destroy coral or plants in the ocean's bed. During lightering, products are sold and passed on from one ship to the other. So, there are business transactions taking place on the open seas, in our territorial waters with all the potential risk of oil spills which would end up on our beaches.

The risk of these tankers for

Aruba is enormous, and that without earning anything from their activities in our waters. With the new law just passed, which will go into effect as of July 1st of this year, every tanker must obtain a permit to anchor and will be required to pay anchoring fees.

They will also be required to pay for every barrel of product they sell through lightering. For the protection of our environment they will also be required to pay a "Milieu Heffing" (Environment Levy) which will be used to combat a potential petro-

leum spill that could occur. In addition to regulations, the new law Aruba is ratifying various international maritime treatise and is replacing the old law, the Harbor Decree of 1993.

Donny Rasmijn expressed satisfaction for the positive and efficient manner in which this Parliamentary meeting was conducted and for reaching a unanimous approval of the new law. This law, he claims will definitely serve the interest of Aruba. He thanked everyone for their diligent participation and contribution in the process.

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Two general managers positions fulfilled internationally

PALM BEACH – The Aruba Marriott is proud to announce the promotions of two local talents. Louella Brezovar accepted the position of General Manager for the Curacao Marriott Beach Resort & Emerald Casino in Curacao. Claudia Sanchez has been appointed to General Manager of the Residence Inn San Jose Escazu in Costa Rica.

Louella began her hospitality career in 1988 as Direction of Operations at the Radisson Resort in Aruba before joining the Marriott family in 2006. She started at Marriott as Resident Manager and was pro-



Louella Brezovar and her family

background to match.

Claudia started with Marriott at the Resort in 2002 as the Recreation Manager for the Resort and Ocean Club. She has expanded her management skills and hospitality experience in various management positions such as Front Desk Manager, Guest Relations Manager and Assistant Front Office Manager at the Aruba Marriott Resort. She joined the Surf Club team in 2009 as the Assistant Rooms Director. Most recently she served in the position of Director of Rooms Operations. She was the recipient of the Manager of the Year twice

and a champion in the Breakthrough Leadership program rolled out by Marriott International. Her willingness to learn, leading others and contribution to the Surf Club excellent guest satisfaction scores are a few of the Claudia talents.

"I am proud to be a part of such a great team and to see these two local talented ladies grow within the company to General Managers," says Vice President and General Manager Kevin Schwab.

The Aruba Marriott wishes both Louella and Claudia and their families all the best in Curacao and Costa Rica.



Claudia Sanchez and her family

moted to Hotel Manager in 2008. During her tenure with the Aruba Marriott Resort, she has been a key contributor in charge of the resort's \$50 million dollar transformation which included the main lobby, all guest rooms, two restaurants, casino refurbishments, the opening of Tradewinds Club and the adults only pool H2Oasis. Louella brings with her a great deal of experience and talent. She is taking with her an impressive set of leadership skills and an operational



Receiving gifts and plaques

Shoco Market Café at the Hyatt Regency Aruba working closely with US Customs at Reina Beatrix Airport



PALM BEACH – Recently, Hyatt Regency Aruba & Resort has announced the relaunch of Shoco Market Café, transforming the space from a coffee and ice cream shop into a full-service market with a cozy ambiance.

Situated on the property's main level, Shoco Market Café will provide guests with a variety of high-quality food and beverage offerings including "made to order" sandwiches, pizzas, and additional lunch offerings; treats such as artisanal ice creams, frozen yogurts and gourmet chocolate; and an assortment of healthy

snacks.

Shoco Market will also offer a mix of items from larger product brands such as Starbucks and Kashi, in addition to providing products from smaller, local purveyors.

In addition, the Resort has been working closely with US Customs on the island to be able to prepare and sell approved meal packages for guests that are travelling back to the United States.

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SAN NICOLAS -- During the months of May, June and July, SETAR, Aruba's telecommunications company, is organizing informative and educational sessions to teach clients more about their products and services. This project, dubbed, “SETAR – closer to you,” brought SETAR's people to the district of Oranjestad for info sessions covering 4 specific topics. Now they will be visiting the San Nicolas and Santa Cruz districts.

Clients are encouraged to register to participate to receive information regarding all the technology, products and services that SETAR has to

offer. They will inform about their different product lines: Fixed Telephone lines – TeleGratis packages, Mobile Prepaid: new purchase options for prepaid services, Mobile Postpaid: Android and its benefits, Internet: 4G Wireless Broadband and Cable: Cable's



new programming and Digital Video Recording (DVR).

The information nights will take place at different locations on different days:

* Tuesday June 26, 2012, at Teleshop San Nicolaas from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

* Tuesday July 24, 2012, at Teleshop St. Cruz from 6:30 pm pa 9:00 pm

SETAR invites those interested in participating in these sessions to register online via SETAR's website www.setar.aw or to call 114 to register. Because seating is limited to only 50 persons, it is imperative that you register as soon as possible.

You may recall that SETAR had organized similar sessions last year to inform the public about the history of Telecommunication on Aruba.

Paseo Herencia gearing ...

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Paseo Herencia filled to capacity with enthusiastic fans



Paseo Herencia will continue to offer all the exciting dining and shopping for which it is known during the Aruba International Film Festival, allowing patrons to enjoy an exciting extra to their visit. Don't miss the glamorous stars and glittering personalities that

will grace the AIFF red carpet during nightly events beginning this Friday and ending Thursday, June 28. Check out the entire schedule online at: www.arubainternationalfilmfestival.com.

by Rosalie Klein

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

UK: Russian ship turns back after Syria arms claims

LONDON (AFP) - A Russian ship allegedly carrying attack helicopters destined for Syria has turned back from British waters and is believed to be returning home, Foreign Secretary William Hague said yesterday.

The vessel, the MV Alaed, had stopped off the Scottish coast after its British insurer said it had withdrawn cover because of the claims that it was carrying arms for President Bashar al-Assad's regime.

"I am pleased that the ship that was reported to be carrying arms to Syria has now turned back apparently towards Russia," Hague told parliament.

Britain's Foreign Office said it was "aware of a ship carrying a consignment of refurbished Russian-made attack helicopters heading to Syria", although it did not specify whether it was the Alaed. It said Hague had told his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov when they met on June 14 in Afghanistan that "all defence shipments to Syria must stop".

The Sunday Telegraph newspaper reported that the ship, owned by Russian cargo line Femco, had picked up its cargo of Mi-25 helicopters from the Russian port of Kaliningrad, where they had been sent for servicing and repairs.

The United States alerted



Britain to the consignment and British security services told Standard Club that providing insurance for the shipment would breach EU sanctions, reports said.

The insurer, Standard Club, confirmed that it had cancelled insurance for the ship and for all others in the fleet owned by Russian cargo line Femco.

"We were made aware of the allegations that the Alaed was carrying munitions destined for Syria, which would be a clear breach of our Club rules," it said in a statement.

A spokesman for Standard Club said the withdrawal of insurance was "not because of any external pressure." But the spokesman declined to say where the information about the shipment came from.

Femco said it had annulled a contract with the ship's current commercial operator, Denmark's United Nordic

Shipping "per mutual consent" as of Monday, but did not give further details.

There was no immediate reaction from Russian authorities. But a Russian shipping website added to the air of mystery around the shipment by saying that the Alaed was probably returning from Syria after having dropped off the helicopters.

The Maritime Bulletin, a specialist website run by Russian shipping analyst Mikhail Voitenko, said the ship had stopped reporting its Automatic Identification System (AIS) tracking data on June 18.

WikiLeaks founder seeks Ecuador asylum

QUITO (AFP) - WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has requested asylum in Ecuador, Ecuador's Foreign Minister Ricardo Patino said here yesterday, adding that the request would be considered.

On its Twitter account, WikiLeaks said Assange had requested political asylum and was "under the protection of the Ecuadorian embassy in London."

Unrest in tense Nigeria leaves at least 95 dead

KADUNA (AFP) -- A fresh outbreak of unrest rocked parts of northern Nigeria yesterday, with 95 people killed in three days of violence and the country's main Christian body evoking a "religious cleansing."

The new unrest broke out in the cities of Kaduna and Damaturu, adding to fears of spiralling violence in the country's north, where Islamist group Boko Haram's insurgency has been concentrated.

With anger boiling over among Christians after the latest attacks on churches on Sunday, there have been re-

newed concerns over whether the violence could lead to a wider sectarian conflict in a country roughly divided between a mainly Muslim north and mostly Christian south.

The violence over the last three days has included three suicide bombings at churches in Kaduna state on Sunday which killed at least 16 people.

The country's main Christian body issued a statement on yesterday saying attacks attributed to Boko Haram suggested a "systematic religious cleansing," adding that the Islamists had "declared war on Christians."

Adidas withdraws 'shackle' sneakers in slavery row



Top sportswear designer Adidas decided yesterday to cancel sales of sneakers topped with rubber ankle chains after criticism that they evoked memories of slavery. The so-called "shackle sneakers" equipped with orange rubber chains to be fixed above the shoes were to have gone on sale in August in the United States. But leading African American advocate Jesse Jackson has led criticism of the sneakers, saying: "The attempt to commercialize and make popular more than 200 years of human degradation, where blacks were considered three-fifths human by our constitution is offensive, appalling and insensitive. In a statement to AFP, Adidas said the JS Roundhouse Mid Handcuff model designed by quirky designer Jeremy Scott "has nothing to do with slavery." "We apologize if people are offended by the design and we are withdrawing our plans to make them available in the marketplace."

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Microsoft unveils 'Surface' tablet in iPad challenge

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Software giant Microsoft unveiled its first tablet computer, the Surface, on Monday, in a major hardware launch clearly designed to take on long-term rival Apple's market-ruling iPad.

Chief executive Steve Ballmer described the iPad challenger -- complete with a built-in stand and ultra thin covers-cum-keyboards in a range of colors -- as a tablet that "works and plays."

"The Surface is a PC, the Surface is a tablet, and the Surface is something new that we think people will absolutely love," he said at an hour-long presentation in a Hollywood design studio.

No prices or release dates were given, but the Surface is expected to go on sale in the fall, with retail prices "competitive with a comparable ARM tablet or Intel Ultrabook-class" computers, Microsoft said.

There were spontaneous bursts of applause and whoops from tech journalists and bloggers as key features of the new tablet, which has a slightly bigger screen than the iPad, but in wide-screen movie-style 16:9 format.

A version of the Surface tablet running on Windows RT software tailored for ARM mobile device chips will measure 9.3 millimeters thick and weigh 676 grams.

It boasts a 10.6-inch (26.9 centimeter) high-definition screen and will be available with 32 or 64 gigabytes of memory. A model powered by Windows 8 Pro weighs 903 grams and will be available with 64 or 128 gigabytes of memory.

"It's a whole new community of computing devices from Microsoft," Ballmer said. "It embodies the notion of hardware and software really pushing each other."

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MENA: Egypt's Mubarak is clinically dead

CAIRO (AFP) - Egypt's ex-president Hosni Mubarak was declared clinically dead after he was transferred to hospital from prison yesterday, state media reported, saying his heart had stopped beating.

"Hosni Mubarak is clinically dead," the official MENA news agency reported. "Medical sources told

MENA his heart had stopped beating and did not respond to defibrillation."

Mubarak was transferred from prison to a military hospital in the Cairo district of Maadi earlier Tuesday evening after suffering a stroke and undergoing defibrillation in prison.

The 84-year-old former

strongman was sentenced to life behind bars on June 2 for suppressing a revolt against his rule in early 2011 during which nearly 850 protesters were killed.

His medical condition deteriorated after the verdict and he suffered an emotional breakdown after being moved to an intensive care wing in

Cairo's Tora prison.

Doctors treated him with a defibrillator twice on June 11, according to a prison hospital source.

He has suffered from acute depression since his transfer, as well as periodic increases in blood pressure and shortness of breath, interior ministry officials said.

Mubarak's wife Suzanne and his two daughters-in-law were given special permission to visit him following rumours that he had died in prison.

His family has formally requested a transfer to a Cairo hospital but such a move threatened to unleash the anger of activists and protesters.



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4. Taxi passenger
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11. Always, poetically
12. Brand of stretchy material
14. Rower's blade
15. Architect I.M. ___
16. They're signed by seniors
18. Landers and Jillian
20. Downy
21. Lena of "Alias"
22. Humorist ___ Barry
24. Read hastily
25. Penn's pronoun
28. Ostrichlike bird
30. Pampered one
31. Conversations
32. Soldiers, for short
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34. Company's symbol
35. "Alice" diner
36. Zilch
38. Construction area
39. Paper measure
41. March Madness sponsor (abbr.)

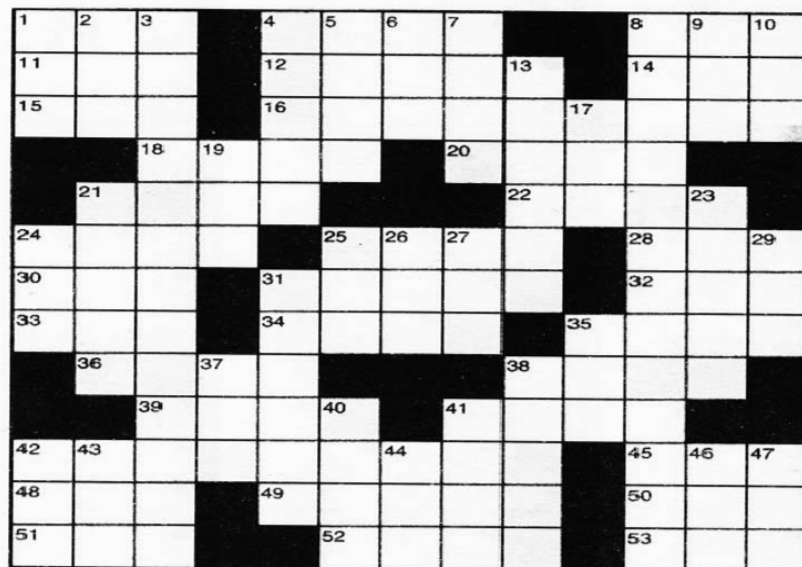
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45. Sandwich initials
48. Baby's "piggy"
49. Knitter's unit
50. Mauna ___
51. Espionage expert
52. "___ of Eden"
53. Decline

DOWN

1. Dem.'s foe
2. Very wide shoe width
3. Courtroom figure (2 wds.)
4. Swashbuckler Errol
5. Some voice

6. Magnavox rival
7. Goes astray
8. Carrot or turnip, e.g. (2 wds.)
9. Mighty tree
10. ___ Butterworth
13. Dwelling places
17. "Anatomy ___ Murder" (2 wds.)
19. Author Anaïs ___
21. Atlantic, e.g.
23. Novelist Zola
24. Warmer weather time (abbr.)

25. Conjunction, for short
26. Witch
27. DDE's military arena
29. American ship abbr.
31. Exonerates
35. Farrow of films
37. New (prefix)
38. Smell
40. Create
41. Mark Harmon series
42. "___ Only Love"
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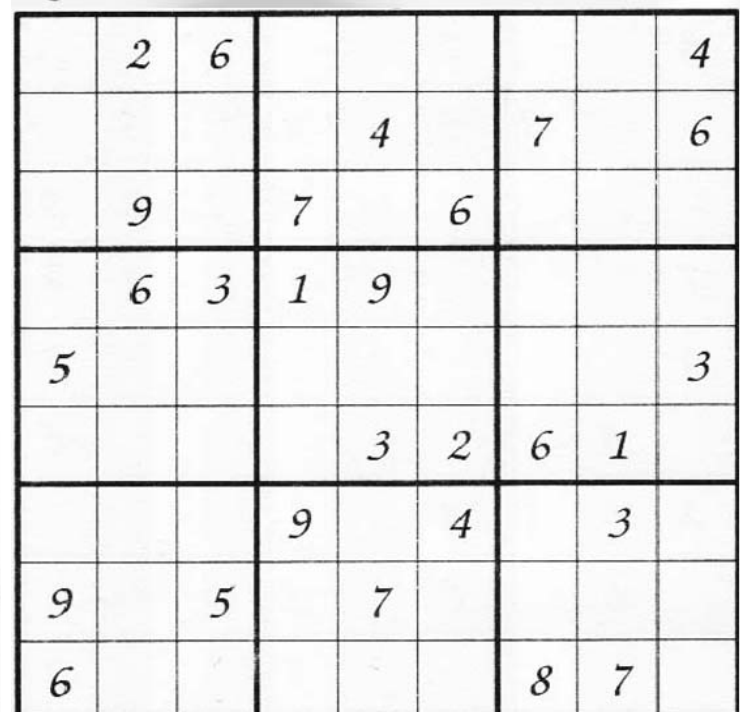
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8	5	1	9	2	7	6	4	3
9	2	7	6	4	8	5	1	3
7	6	5	8	1	9	2	4	3

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9
A number is Never repeated in a row or column.
In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9

Finance

Barroso: G20 backing Europe on crisis plan

LOS CABOS (AFP) - G20 leaders meeting in Mexico threw support yesterday behind Europe's plans to overcome its debt crisis that is dragging down the global economy, EU Commission chief Jose Manuel Barroso said.

"G20 leaders, after very good, frank and open discussion, recognized the extremely important efforts that Europe has been making to deal with the financial crisis," Barroso said in a written statement.

European members were under extraordinary pressure from their international counterparts to loosen the strait-jacket of austerity programs and to allow the European Central Bank to open the lending floodgates.

Beyond the summit conference center in the Mexican beach resort of Los Cabos, bond markets jacked up rates on Spanish and Italian debt amid self-fulfilling fears that the debt crisis that sank Greece was spreading once again.

Barroso repeated his mantra that the solution to the eurozone crisis lies in urgently progressing towards ever greater integration.

World powers from the United States to Asia, he said, were now pushing for Europe "to build a banking union, a true economic and monetary union, and even making appeals to a political union."

"Today the appeals for a stronger, more integrated European Union and euro area are not just coming from all of

us like myself that in Europe are true believers in the European project," he said.

"It has become a real systemic global necessity. This is one of the important messages of this G20."

A draft statement obtained by AFP suggested there was movement towards a more integrated EU banking system that would see joint supervision and guarantees for depositors that might need to be repaid by any future failing institutions.

"We support the intention to consider concrete steps towards a more integrated financial architecture, encompassing banking supervision, resolution and recapitalization, and deposit insurance," the communique said.

Canada boosts size of proposed Pacific trade pact

LOS CABOS (AFP) - Canada yesterday became the latest country to enter talks on forging a Pacific-wide trade deal, becoming the second largest economy to take part in the ambitious but difficult negotiations.

Attending a summit of Group of 20 major economies, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said that Canada was accepted as the 11th nation to enter talks on the Trans-Pacific Partnership, after Mexico's inclusion a day earlier.

"Opening new markets and creating new business opportunities leads to jobs, growth and long-term prosperity for all Canadians," Harper said in a statement issued at the talks in Los Cabos.

Once obscure, the Trans-Pacific Partnership has emerged as a key trade priority for President Barack Obama who has cast the potential pact as a way to boost US exports and jobs while preserving labor and environmental standards dear to his political base.

US Trade Representative Ron Kirk said that the Obama administration would consult inside the United States on Canada's inclusion into the "broad-based, high-standard trade agreement."

Under rules of the pact, any member can block another nation from entering the talks. The nations have not offered a place in the talks to Japan, the world's third largest economy, where the TPP is deeply con-

troversial.

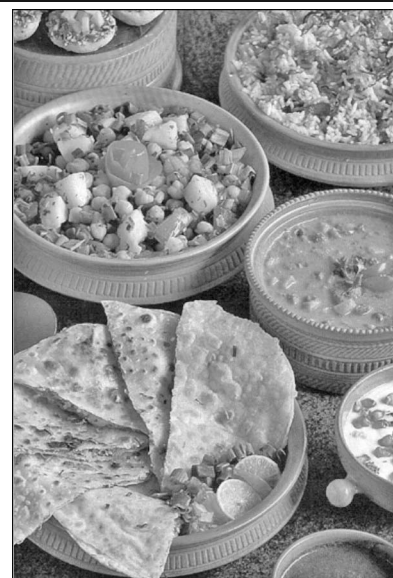
Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda last year voiced interest in the TPP but faced fierce opposition from farmers, who have long enjoyed protection from foreign competitors and fear being swamped if the pact goes ahead.

FT: Russia earmarks \$40 billion as euro zone crisis buffer

LONDON - Russia has set aside up to \$40 billion for this year and next to protect the economy from contagion in the event the euro zone crisis deepens, the Financial Times reported yesterday, citing an interview with Russian Finance Minister Anton Siluanov.

Russia is also renewing a plan that would allow the government to recapitalize the country's banking system, Siluanov said according to the newspaper.

The government is planning to create a reserve mechanism worth 500 billion roubles (\$15.41 billion) for next year to provide "for the direct financing of anti-crisis measures," the newspaper reported Siluanov as saying.



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Spain bailout fears mount in gathering euro storm

MADRID (AFP) - Fears of a full-scale bailout for Spain mounted yesterday as its borrowing costs spiked to danger levels on concern over the nation's stricken banks and fast-rising debt.

After Greek elections averted the immediate threat of Athens exiting the eurozone, concern turned to Spain where the banks have been thrown a eurozone lifeline of up to 100 billion euros (\$127 billion).

As Greece's pro-bailout parties negotiated the terms of a coalition government, Spain's troubles mounted.

Tapping the markets for the first time since the Greek vote on Sunday, Spain raised 3.04 billion euros, beating its 2.0-3.0-billion-euro target in an auction of 12- and 18-month notes. But it had to pay exorbitant rates to lure investors -- 5.074 percent for 12-month debt and 5.107 percent for 18-month debt.

The yield on Spanish benchmark 10-year government bonds shattered the 7.0-percent barrier yesterday for the first time since the creation of the euro in 1999, pushing above 7.2 percent. Yesterday, the yield on 10-year bonds was at 7.003 percent.

"It now appears inevitable that Spain will require a sovereign bailout, possibly very soon," said Capital Economics chief European economist Jonathan Loynes.

Rising bond yields reflected a belief that the banking bailout, agreed with eurozone partners on June 9, would not address broader fiscal problems, he said.

Spain's plan to cut the public deficit from 8.9 percent of economic output last year to 5.3 percent this year and 3.0 percent in 2013 relied on a "very unlikely" recovery from recession next year, Loynes said.

Markets held out little hope for quick help from Europe.

The leaders of Italy, France,

Germany and Spain will hold a summit on the eurozone crisis on June 22 in Rome, ahead of a full European Union summit from June 28-29.

Kathleen Brooks, research chief at brokerage Forex.com, said Spain could avoid a rescue only if its debts were underwritten by stronger eurozone partners and if the European Central Bank bought its debt.

"But at the rate its yields are rising, Spain doesn't have enough time to wait for Europe's politicians to decide whether or not to underwrite the debts of the weakest states, it needs action now."

Spain, the eurozone's fourth-biggest economy, faces its next debt market test on Thursday, when it will try to raise up to two billion euros in a mix of two-, three- and five-year bonds.

Adding to a sense of uncertainty in Spain, a financial source said that a second audit of Spain's banks had been delayed from end-July to September. It is to follow a first exam whose results are due by Thursday.

The first audit will decide how much of the eurozone's 100 billion euros is required to secure the banks, many loaded up with bad loans extended in a property bubble that collapsed in 2008.

If Madrid withdrew the full loan, its public debt would approach 90 percent of economic output by the end of the year.

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Malaysia bookstore manager charged over banned book

KUALA LUMPUR (AFP) - A Malaysian Islamic court on Tuesday charged a bookstore manager with selling a book by a Canadian Muslim lesbian activist that was recently banned in the Southeast Asian country.

Nik Raina Nik Abdul Aziz, who manages the bookstore chain outlet in the capital Kuala Lumpur, is accused of distributing Irshad Manji's "Allah, Liberty and Love."

The Home Ministry banned the book last month after it was deemed offensive to Islam, contained "elements that could mislead the public," and was "detrimental to public order".

According to Manji's website, the book "shows all of us how to reconcile faith and freedom in a world seething with repressive dogmas".

Nik Raina faces up to two years in jail and a fine if the Islamic court finds her guilty, her lawyer Rosli Dahlan said. No plea was recorded Tuesday with the next court date set for September 19.

Rosli said Islamic officials raided the store before the book ban was officially announced, and the shop had filed a court case to declare the raid illegal.

Rosli added that Nik Raina had no authority over deciding which books to sell and was being singled out because those in charge of merchandising were ethnic Chinese non-Muslims. Non-Muslims cannot be charged in Islamic courts.

Malaysia has a system of Islamic courts that run parallel to the country's civil courts and administer civil matters for Muslims who make up some 60 percent of the country's 28 million people.

Manji launched the book, together with a Malay-language translation, at a hastily arranged event in Kuala Lumpur on May 19 amid criticism by Muslims.

Her previous internationally acclaimed book, "The Trouble with Islam Today", is already banned in Malaysia. Malaysia frequently bans books, especially those deemed obscene or against Islamic teachings.

But it is rare for Islamic courts to target bookstores.

New York-based Human Rights Watch has called on the government to reverse the book ban, saying it was "old-fashioned state repression" and "cowardly".

UNESCO to display artefacts recovered from thieves



he San Sabino cathedral in the southeastern Italian town of Canosa di Puglia

PARIS (AFP) - Byzantium frescoes, paintings by early Baroque artists and a letter by Christopher Columbus are among 31 stolen artefacts recovered by Italian police to go on show today at UNESCO's Paris headquarters.

"This exhibition ... is aimed at raising awareness worldwide about the safeguarding of our cultural heritage," said Pasquale Muggeo, general of Italy's Carabinieri paramilitary police which recovered the stolen works with help from authorities worldwide.

Among objects to go on show is a 12th-century ivory crucifix that was stolen from the San Sabino cathedral in the southeastern Italian town of Canosa di Puglia in 1983 and recovered some 25 years later.

Muggeo recounted how the crucifix was put up for sale in France in April 2008, piquing the curiosity of the Italian interior ministry's office charged with fighting the trafficking of cultural goods.

"Thanks to the database managed by the Carabinieri, an international operation led to the arrest of a French woman," the general added.

Several antique vases, pre-

Columbian statues, paintings by early Baroque artists Ludovico Carracci and Le Guerchin, as well as two panels of medieval chests painted in the 15th century by Bernardino Fungai, make up the collection on show until July 6.

Italy became the first country to create a specialised unit to combat illegal trafficking of cultural goods in May 1969.

According to UNESCO, the UN cultural agency, the Carabinieri have recovered 961,082 antiquities and half a million other objects and have launched legal proceedings against 28,600 people.

"We are not only working for our country but for about 15 others, including Serbia, Bulgaria and the Czech Republic," Muggeo said, adding: "We work for humanity worldwide."



Actor Johnny Depp and his longtime partner, actress-model Vanessa Paradis, have ended their 14-year relationship. Depp, 49, and Paradis, 39, have been together since 1998, an eternity by Hollywood standards. Depp took up with Paradis shortly after parting ways with supermodel Kate Moss. They have two kids, a daughter, Lily-Rose (13) and a son, John (10)



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The restaurant is now open from early in the day for refreshments, and is the perfect lunch stop while touring, serving from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, after which visitors can enjoy a light snack from their Pizza Mini Menu until 6:00 PM when they officially open for dinner, until 11:00 PM.

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EURO 2012 - POLAND - UKRAINE

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England, France through to Euro 2012 quarters



English forward Wayne Rooney vies with Ukrainian midfielder Denys Garmash (L)

DONETSK, Ukraine (AFP) - Wayne Rooney on Tuesday marked his come-back from suspension with a goal as England beat Ukraine 1-0 to win Group D and France ended their six-year wait for a knockout spot despite losing 2-0 to

Sweden.

The Manchester United player, ineligible for England's first two Euro 2012 matches after a red card picked up in the qualifiers, had the easiest of headers at the back post after goalkeeper Andrei Pya-

tov spilled a Steven Gerrard cross.

Rooney's goal in the 48th minute in Donetsk, Ukraine, had been the highlight of a lacklustre match which England only needed to draw to qualify.

But it livened up when Marko Devic forced a save from Joe Hart in the 62nd minute that was cleared off the line by John Terry. Television replays suggested the ball had crossed for a goal but Hungarian referee Viktor Kassai waved play on.

Football's world governing body FIFA is currently trialling two prototypes of goal-line technology after a number of high-profile incidents when goals have been disallowed.

The president of European football's governing body UEFA, Michel Platini, said this week that having five officials, as in the current tournament, would prevent such an issue - but Tuesday's incident appeared to undermine that theory.

France needed just a draw against already-eliminated Sweden in Donetsk to advance from the group stages of a major competition for the first time since 2006 and exorcise the ghosts of a disastrous 2010 World Cup, when players went on strike.

But Sweden were in no mood to help Les Bleus, as they sought to salvage some pride after a 2-0 defeat to Ukraine and 3-2 loss to England.

Swedish striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic opened the scoring in the 54th minute, volleying in a spectacular right-foot volley from 12 yards out while Sebastian Larsson made it two minutes before time.

The results leave England on seven points and France on four, with both Ukraine and Sweden on three.

England will play Italy on



KIEV, UKRAINE - Florent Malouda of France challenges Sebastian Larsson of Sweden

Sunday in Kiev, while France will take on European and world champions Spain in Donetsk on Saturday.

The other quarter-finals see the Czech Republic play Portugal in Warsaw on Thursday and Germany against Greece in Gdansk, Poland, on Friday.

Germany coach Joachim Loew and Greece's players all tried to play down the significance of their match, with the German chancellor a hate figure in Greece for her insistence to Athens of harsh cuts to offset a crippling debt crisis. "Angela Merkel and the national team are on very good terms. We have reached an agreement where she doesn't interfere with my tactical instructions and, in return, I don't deal with her political agenda," said Loew.

Meanwhile, UEFA faced criticism for fining the Croatian Football Federation 80,000 euros (\$100,000, 64,500 pounds) after a section of fans racially abused Italy's Mario Balotelli during their Group C game in Poznan, Poland, on June 14.



A stiff penalty had been expected after Russia were threatened with a six-point deduction from their Euro 2016 qualifying campaign for further serious crowd trouble and because of UEFA's repeated insistence of "zero tolerance" on racism.




But many people highlighted the harsher punishment meted out to Denmark's Nick-





las Bendtner, who on Monday was slapped with a one-match suspension and 100,000 euro fine for displaying sponsored underpants during a goal celebration.


Manchester City and Belgium captain Vincent Kompany wrote: "Racist chants 80k fine. Commercial stunt 100k fine + 1 match ban... UEFA might need to review their order of priorities, don't you think?"

EURO-2012 Standings

A							
	W	L	PTS	GF	GA	D	
*CZECH REP.	2	1	6	4	5	0	
*GREECE	1	1	4	3	3	1	
RUSSIA	1	1	4	5	3	1	
POLAND	0	1	2	2	3	2	

B							
	W	L	PTS	GF	GA	D	
*GERMANY	3	0	9	5	2	0	
*PORTUGAL	2	1	6	5	4	0	
DENMARK	1	2	3	4	5	0	
NETHERLANDS	0	3	0	2	5	0	

C							
	W	L	PTS	GF	GA	D	
*SPAIN	2	0	7	6	1	1	
*ITALY	1	0	5	4	2	2	
CROATIA	1	1	4	4	3	1	
IRELAND	0	3	0	1	9	0	

D						
	W	L	PTS	GF	GA	D
*ENGLAND	2	0	7	5	3	1
*FRANCE	1	1	4	3	3	1
UKRAINE	1	2	3	2	4	0
SWEDEN	1	2	3	5	5	0

W: Won - L: Lost - PTS: points - GF: goals for - GA: goals against

D: Draw; * qualified for quarter-finals

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Five Cuban basketball players defect in Puerto Rico: FIBA

SAN JUAN (AFP) - Five members of Cuba's national basketball team defected Tuesday in Puerto Rico where their team was playing in a regional tournament, an official with the International Basketball Federation said.

The five had played Monday against the Bahamas, which beat the Cuban team 81-68 on the opening night of the CentroBasket 2012 tournament.

"After the game they went to their hotel. Today it was discovered that the five players weren't there," Anibal Garcia, the sports director of FIBA Americas, told AFP.

He said the players apparently checked out of their hotel at about 1:00 am Tuesday.

The Puerto Rican daily El Nuevo Dia, in its online edition, said that the five had begun the process of obtaining

permission to stay on the island, although their whereabouts was not immediately known.

FIBA Americas identified the five players as Juan Carlo Pineiro, Ismael Romero Fernandez, Leonel Batista Aguero, Yudniel Perez Arango and Enrique Ramos Abad.

The Cuban team was scheduled to play at 3:30 pm (1930 GMT) Tuesday against Nicaragua.

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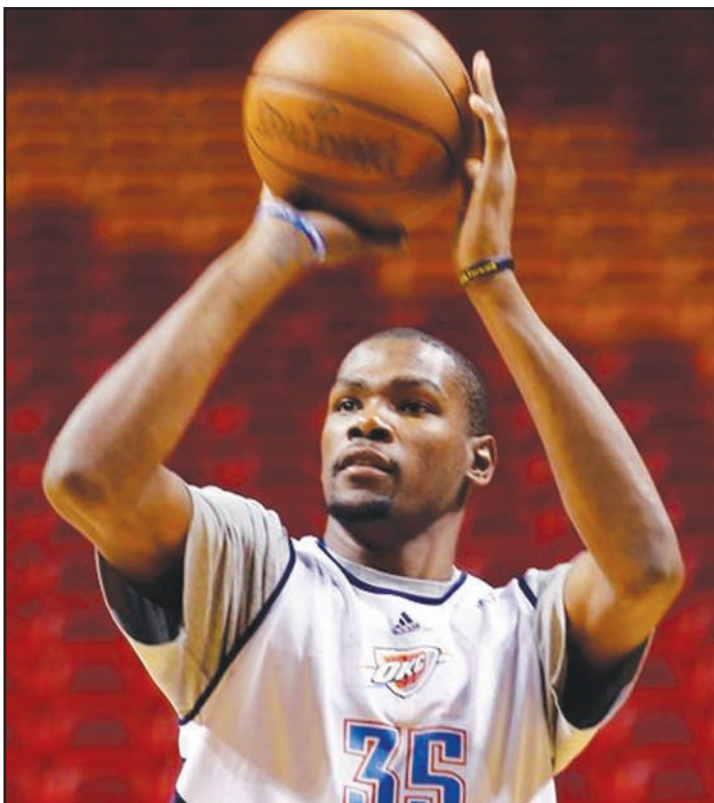
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NBA: Durant firing blanks in fourth quarter



Forward Kevin Durant during practice

MIAMI (AFP) - Kevin Durant says he's not about to start second-guessing himself just because he's not scoring in the fourth quarter of the NBA finals like he has in some of his earlier postseason games.

"I'm going to shoot until my arm falls off in the fourth," said Durant, who scored a team high 25 points as Oklahoma City lost game three of the NBA finals 91-85 to the Miami Heat.

The three-time league scoring champion Durant had just four points in the fourth quarter of game three, the second-straight game he has gotten into foul trouble in the second half.

"I missed a few shots going to the rim," said Durant during Monday's practice at the American Airlines Arena. "But I don't care if I miss it or if I make it. I believe in myself.

"All I can do is worry about myself. I've got 100 percent confidence in myself that I can do it and when the fourth quarter comes around next time, I'm going to be as aggressive as I can."

Talk centred on executing better down the stretch and keeping out of foul trouble as Oklahoma City enters Thursday's game four down two games to one in the best-of-seven series.

"I thought they (Heat) made a few extra plays last night that we did not make, but I thought we played a very competitive game," said Thunder coach Scott Brooks. "That game could have easily gone either

way."

Durant picked up his fourth foul in the third quarter, forcing Brooks to sit his star player during a crucial time of the game. Durant got called for a fifth foul in the final quarter but managed to finish out the game.

"I've just got to play my game, not worry about the officiating or what they do because they're going to make mistakes.

The Thunder were one of the best free-throw shooting teams during the regular season but they shot just 62 percent from the line in game three.

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Last Saturday the inauguration of this year's Copa Andre Ooijer tournament took place on the Yara Sports Complex in Savaneta. The Minister of Sports, Richard Visser was present to present the material for the participating teams and to initiate the games with the first kick. Also present for the inauguration of the tournament was President of Lifida, Buchi Panama and Aruba Football Bond President, Rufo Kelly.

The weekend results of the games were the following: National/Washington vs. RCA scored 1-1. The second game between Britania vs. Dakota had ties on both sides of 2 goals each.

On the 16th of June (Girls), Savaneta Stars placed RCS with Savaneta Stars

winning with a score of 6-0. Later that afternoon Santa Fe won Arsenal with a score of 3-1.

This week the games are expected to continue on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday on the Yara Field and at the Frans Figaora Sports Complex in Noord. For a full schedule of the games, visit the website www.scoredpasalud.com. Parents of the players and the island in general are cordially invited to attend the tournament and to come and support their preferred team.

Registration for the Andre Ooijer Clinic is scheduled to take place on July 6, 7 and 8. The age for participation is from 7 to 17 years. Register now www.scoredpasalud.com and reserve your place in this unique clinic.

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